

## Senate Resolution 8 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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1 A Resolution supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan  
2 as a part of the global community.

3 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) as the  
4 world's 19th largest economy has achieved economic  
5 and social stability and in the last two decades has  
6 been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia, has  
7 dramatically improved its record on human rights, and  
8 has taken great steps forward to enter the world arena  
9 as a trusted partner; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international  
11 organizations has impeded Taiwan's ability to  
12 participate in global climate initiatives and to  
13 respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot,  
14 which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009, an unusually  
15 destructive typhoon season in the Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government is grateful for  
17 the assistance and condolences of the international  
18 community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009, as  
19 dozens of international organizations and nations  
20 stepped up to help, including the United States, which  
21 supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery  
22 operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese  
23 mainland; and

24 WHEREAS, aviation safety has become a major global  
25 concern since 2001, and Taiwan is a key air transport  
26 hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million  
27 flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information  
28 Region, and with the world's 15th-largest airport by

1 cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport; and  
2 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government has undertaken a  
3 policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international  
4 relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having  
5 completed a number of cross-strait liberalization  
6 measures, including regular, direct passenger  
7 flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other  
8 goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures  
9 and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing; NOW  
10 THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
12 affirms its support for the participation of Taiwan  
13 in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate  
14 Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation  
15 Organization (ICAO) to increase Taiwan's international  
16 space and contribution to the global community; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
18 the Senate is hereby directed to send a copy of this  
19 Resolution to Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State of  
20 the United States; Executive Secretary Christiana  
21 Figueres of the UNFCCC; Secretary General Raymond  
22 Benjamin of the ICAO; and the Taipei Economic and  
23 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.